

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 38 are currently pending in this application. Claims 7, 11 - 15, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 44 - 48 and 52 were previously withdrawn from consideration pending the allowance of a generic claim. Claims 39 - 50 and 53 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications, by the present amendment. Claims 51 - 52 were previously cancelled. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1 - 6, 8 - 10, 16 - 25, 28 - 31, and 36 are allowed.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 39 for formalities. The cancellation of claim 39 renders the objection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 39 - 43 and 49 - 50 were rejected in the Action as obvious over Wolff in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,228,756 to Krampera. Claim 53 was rejected as obvious over Wolff in view of Krampera and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,382,734 to Passarotto. The cancellation of those claims renders the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 moot.

Previously Withdrawn Claims

It is respectfully requested that previously withdrawn claims 7, 11 - 15, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, be rejoined in the application. It was indicated in the Action dated August 30, 2005, that claim 1 was considered to be generic. Claims 7, 11 - 15, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38 depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowed claim 1 and therefore should also be considered to be allowable.

Conclusion


If the Examiner believes that an interview, telephonically or in person, will materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience to arrange an interview.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that only allowed or allowable claims remain and thus are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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